

STAFF HEARING OFFICER STAFF REPORT

REPORT DATE:

June 18, 2015

AGENDA DATE:

June 24, 2015

PROJECT ADDRESS: 2465 Calle Almonte (MST2015-00244)

TO:

Susan Reardon, Senior Planner, Staff Hearing Officer

FROM:

Planning Division, (805) 564-5470

Danny Kato, Senior Planner

Betsy Teeter, Planning Technician II

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The 10,454 square foot site is currently developed with a 2,837 square foot two story single family residence and an attached 672 square foot three car garage with an attached workshop. The proposed project includes a 185 s.f. addition to the master bedroom, converting the three car garage to a two car garage and expanding the workshop, and relocating the garage door to directly face the street and for a new driveway and curb cut to the garage. The discretionary application required for this project is a Front Setback Modification to allow alterations to the garage, including a new window, within the required 30 foot front setback. (SBMC § 28.15.060 and SBMC § 28.92.110).

Date Application Accepted: May 19, 2015

Date Action Required: August 19, 2015

II. RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Staff Hearing Officer approve the project.

III. SITE INFORMATION AND PROJECT STATISTICS

Α. SITE INFORMATION

Applicant:

Bryan Pollard

Property Owner: Gary & Betsy Mayer

Parcel Number: 041-411-019

Lot Area:

10,454 sf

General Plan:

Low Density Residential

Zoning:

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Max 5 du/acre

Existing Use: One-Family Residence Topography: 17% slope

B. PROJECT STATISTICS

Existing Proposed

Living Area 2,837 sq. ft. + 185 sq. ft. = 3,022 sq. ft.

Garage 672 sq. ft. No Change

C. PROPOSED LOT AREA COVERAGE

Building: 2,682 sf 26% Hardscape: 2,105 sf 20% Landscape: 5,667 sf 54%

D. FLOOR-AREA RATIO (FAR)

Max. Allowed FAR: 0.364 Proposed FAR: 0.353 = 98% of Max. Allowed FAR

IV. DISCUSSION

The applicant proposes to change the location of the garage door from the side to the front of the garage, add a new window on the side of the garage and to construct a new driveway and curb cut. The current garage opening will be closed off and the existing driveway will be removed and replaced with drought tolerant landscaping. The garage will be reduced from a three car garage to a two car garage and the attached workshop will be slightly enlarged. The applicant has requested a Front Setback Modification to allow the installation of a new garage door and a new window opening on the side of the garage within the required 30' foot setback. The garage door currently faces the interior lot line and encroaches between 9' and 5'-11" into the required front setback.

This project does not require review by the Single Family Design Board (SFDB). The garage was built in 1966 as part of the original construction and is non-conforming to the required 30 foot front setback. Transportation Staff is supportive of allowing the garage to encroach into the front setback, subject to final in-field approval of Public Works Staff of the proposed new curb cut.

Although it is Staff's general practice to not support encroachments within the front setback, we recognize that this is an existing encroachment into the front setback. No additional encroachment will occur with the change in configuration of the garage door from a side entry to a front entry or the addition of a new side window in the garage. The removal of the existing driveway will result in a reduction of 640 sq ft of impervious paving. Because of the new configuration of the garage door, the new driveway will face the street and will require

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less pavement then currently on the lot. Further, drought tolerant landscaping will replace the existing driveway.

V. FINDINGS

The Staff Hearing Officer finds that the Front Setback Modification is consistent with the purposes and intent of the Zoning Ordinance and is necessary to secure an appropriate improvement on the lot. The proposed relocation of the garage door from the side of the garage to the front is appropriate because it will allow greater use of the front yard, will result in a reduction in paving in the front yard and the alterations are not anticipated to adversely impact the neighbors or the visual openness from the street.

Exhibits:

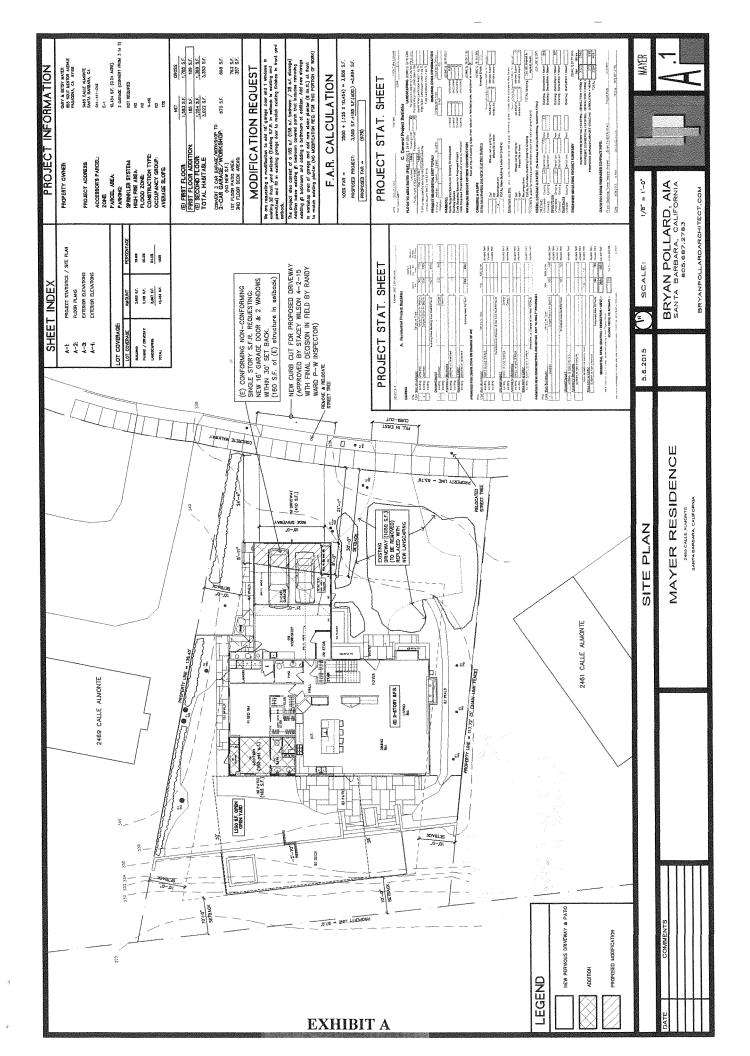
- A. Site Plan (under separate cover)
- B. Applicant's letter dated, May 5, 2015

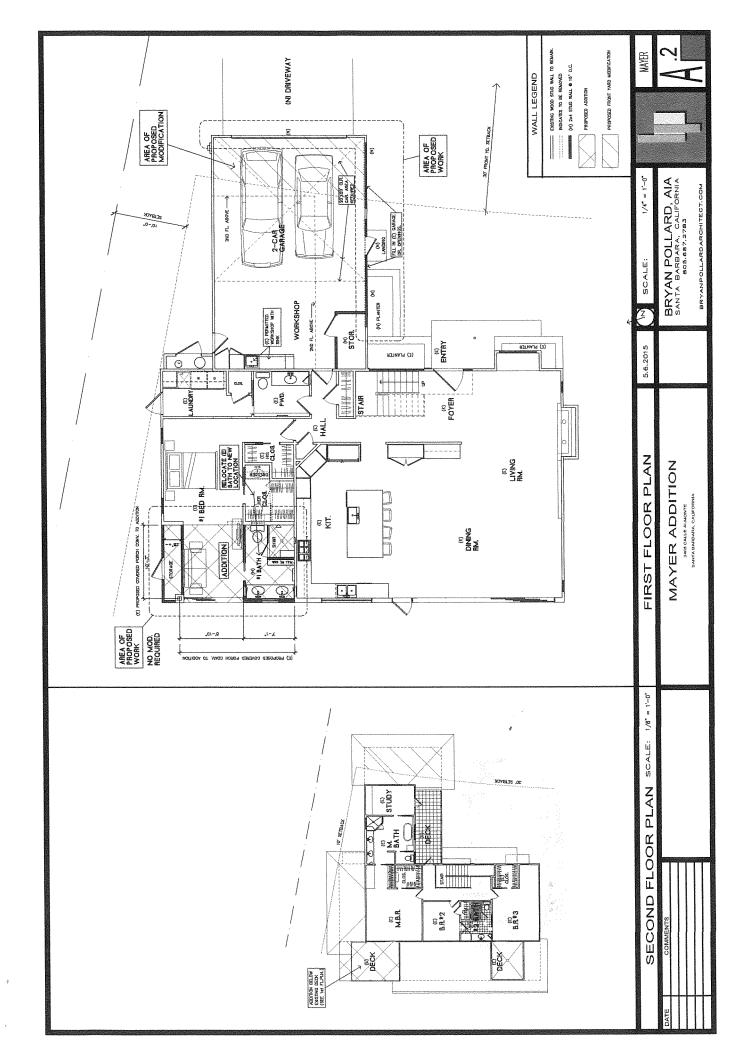
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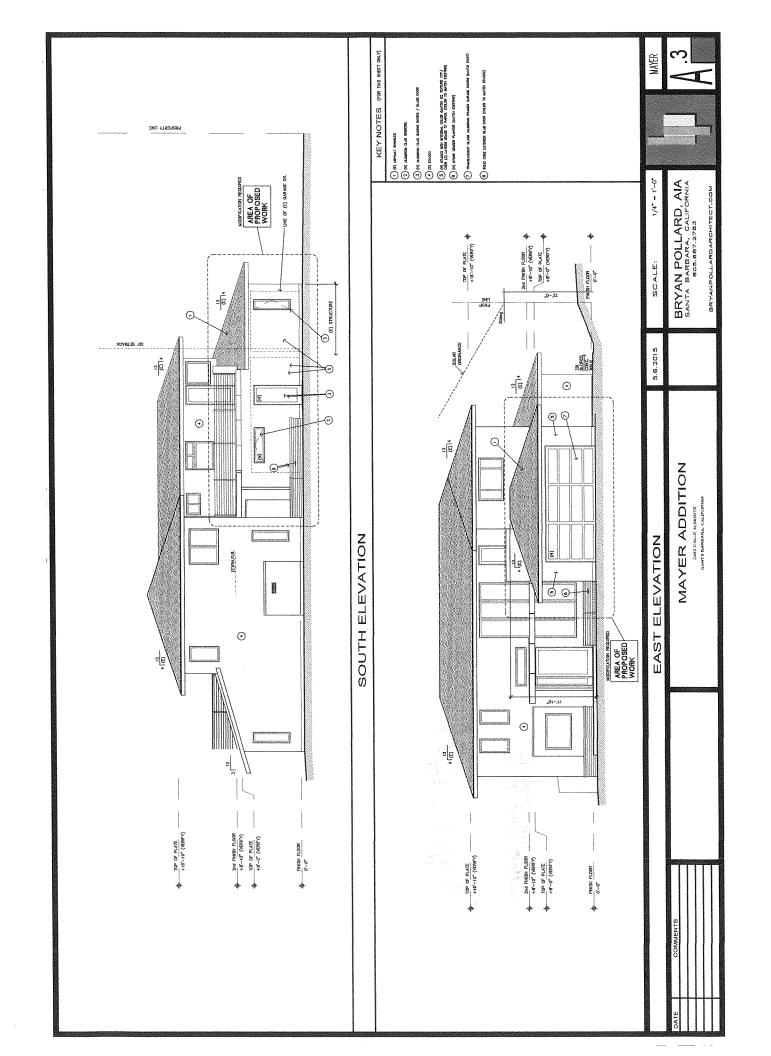
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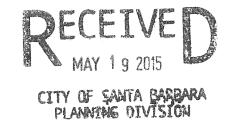




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May 5, 2015

Staff Hearing Officer City of Santa Barbara Post Office 1990 Santa Barbara, CA 93102



Re: Modification Request for:

Gary and Betsy Mayer 2465 Calle Almonte Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Dear Staff Hearing Officer,

We are requesting a modification to add 16' garage door and 1 windows in existing 30' front yard setback (Existing S.F.R. structure in setback is existing and permitted) Will include filling in existing garage door to match existing finishes in front yard setback. Note: the majority of garages in neighborhood face street.

- Locate 16' x 7' garage door
- Add (1) new windows (1'-6"x5'-0")

This proposal will reduce the amount of impervious paving by 640 s.f. in front yard and replaced with low tolerant landscaping. Also, existing garage door that is 8' in existing setback will be filled in to match existing finishes.

Sincerely, Bryan Pollard, AIA 687-2783